

# Canoe Victoria Marathon Committee

## Minutes of Meeting

31 May 2009  
Wesley Boatshed

**Attendance:** Mark Murray (President), GWCC  
Joe Alia (Vice President), FCC  
Margaret Buck, FCC  
Glen Rose, SKCC  
Alan Opie, PLCC  
Graeme Bowes, BCC  
Kevin Johnson  
Tom Hirschoff, CBCC  
Michael Baird (Treasurer) and minute taker

**Apologies:** Chris Alger, PLCC  
Sharyn Alger, PLCC  
Glenrose Rose, SKCC  
Allan Papworth, WCC

**Meeting Opened:** 3:05pm

**Minutes:** Previous meeting at Warrnambool on 25/04/09.  
No items for discussion. Read and accepted.  
Moved: Joe Alia, Seconded: Alan Opie. Carried.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **In:**

- Geelong C.C. invoice
- Stonnington Council & Wesley College - Permits and agreements for Wesley race
- Various on-line entries re Patterson Lakes & Fairfield (Wesley) races.
- Letter regarding Swine Flu and precautions required
- Letter from ICF re Paddlability (declaration of ICF support for the development of canoe sport for persons with a disability and encouraging consideration of categories for disabled athletes at next year's National Events)
- CV (Andrea) re Level 1 and Level 2 officials
- Letter from Algiers re suggestions for Marathon Diary for 2010

#### **Out:**

- Minutes of Marathon C/tee meeting, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2009 (Warrnambool)
- To clubs re applications to run "Grand Prix" races on remaining available dates 2010, and applications for Winter Series races 2010
- Club delegate info list
- Agenda for C.V. Marathon C/tee meeting at Wesley
- Various letters and applications re permits to run races

### **Matters arising from correspondence:**

Mark Murray asked that all paddlers receiving financial assistance be advised that, in keeping with past practice, they are expected to assist with presentations and the like.

**Motion that Correspondence be accepted: Moved: Marg Buck, Seconded: Graeme Bowes. Carried.**

**Financial Report:** (presented by Treasurer, Mike Baird)

- As per budget and in keeping with past practice, the Marathon Committee will give \$250 to each Victorian member of the Australian Team going to World Cup (x7) or World Championships (x11).
- Only one payment to be made to paddlers who are selected to attend both events.
- Copy of draft letter tabled and circulated at meeting.
- Mark Murray reminded committee that past practice was to also give contribution to travelling officials such as team manager(s) and team coach(es).
- Motion to give \$250 to World Cup travelling manager (Mr Rob Russell) and team officials travelling to World Champs in Sept (names to be confirmed closer to event).
- Aim to get letters & cheques to World Cup participants this week before they depart and to World Champs participants in June.

**Motion to approve \$250 payment to each paddler and travelling official. Moved Tom Hirrschoff, seconded Mark Muarray. Carried.**

Recent events:

- Master Games – net proceeds of \$3719.35
- Winter Series Race 1 at Warrnambool was cancelled due to bad weather and therefore incurred a loss of \$132.00 due to hire of 2way radios.
- Winter Series Race 2 at PLCC – over 270 paddlers and net proceeds of \$2362.00
- Winter Series Race 3 at Wesley – 168 paddlers preliminary report indicates net proceeds of approx \$890

Marathon Diary:

- 106 diaries sold at events (receipts of \$535) and 367 diaries sent to clubs with invoices. Payments received to date = \$1195, with \$640 outstanding.
- 20 organisations invoiced for advertisements. Payments received to date = \$1875, with \$1425 outstanding.
- Treasurer to provide list of outstanding amounts to Executive and to Diary Subcommittee who are to chase up and secure payment.

**Motion that advertisers who do not pay cannot have advertisement in 2010 diary. Moved: Marg Buck, seconded Mark Murray. Carried.**

- List of cheques written during April & May was tabled.
- Balance in bank at 31 May is approx \$12,000
- A copy of the Treasurers report to be distributed with minutes of meeting.

**Motion that Financial Report be accepted. Moved: Margaret Buck, seconded Joe Alia. Carried.**

**Reports:**

**AC Report** (by Tom Hirrschoff)

- More funding becoming available for non-Olympic sports. Opportunity for MRTC to submit budget for more funding at national level.
- High Performance Programme no longer just for Olympic disciplines. High Performance has been run by Sports Commission and is now coming back into AC proper.

**CV Report** (by Tom Hirrschoff)

- No CV exec meeting in May, to be held Monday 1st June

- CV is on track against budget. If surplus at end of year (30 June), it will be returned to disciplines.
- Need to remind clubs to have members paid up by end August and pass details of current members to CV asap.
- Issues in identifying Recreational members who turn up to participate in races (this class of membership does not entitle entry to races). Will make changes to Marathon race entry forms.

#### **Diary Sub-Committee:**

- Letter from Chris & Sharyn Alger tabled and points raised therein were discussed.
- Diary subcommittee to stay the same: Tom Hirschoff, Sharyn Alger and Chris Alger will take this on again for 2010.
- Work to start asap in order to have diary ready before end of calendar year.
- Base advertising costs to stay the same: \$150 per page for commercial advertisers and \$75 for club advert. Aim for premium for inside front or back cover to be 2x standard rate. Front or back cover to be charged at 3x standard rate.
- Should include recognition for assistance provided by SES.
- Diary subcommittee to decide on routine matters (e.g. approaching advertisers) and make recommendations to full Committee for any other matters.
- Mike Baird raised concerns about lack of understanding of the workings of the Divisional System amongst paddlers (as evidenced by confusion and queries when entering events), and suggested clarifying the section of the Diary concerning Div System. Glen Rose outlined the principles, highlighting that the Div System is intended to be only for racing boats.

**Actions:** Glen Rose to document principles. Tom H and Mike B to rewrite Div System section of Diary.

**Motion overing above points. Moved: Mark Murray, seconded Mike Baird. Carried.**

#### **Junior Development**

Marathon being well promoted in schools and we are now getting good representation of junior paddlers coming through from both schools and clubs.

#### **General Business:**

**Officials Course** to be held at Westerfolds Park on 14th June, to be led by Mark Murray. Free to attendees.

**Motion for Marathon Committee to fund lunch, up to \$100 in total. Moved Mark Murray, seconded Glen Rise. Carried.**

**Technical Officials** - Existing active Technical Officials have been re-accredited for 4 years, and AC list updated. Thanks to Tom H for his good work on this. Now have list of officials that clubs can draw on for events. Re-accreditation will be required after 4yrs and can be done by completing the appropriate form.

**Safety Boats** – Need to give safety boat crews (including SES) training to how to handle racing boats to avoid damage especially when extracting them from the water. This is the responsibility of the event Safety Officer who should give pre-event briefings to safety boat crews to let them know our needs and expectations.

**Safety Boat Equipment** – new outboard motor purchased and installed on tinnie to replace stolen motor. New motor is secured with chains and new high grade padlocks. 4x new PFDs purchased.

**Buoys** - Need to purchase new buoys & anchors. This was approved at a previous meeting. Should now be using smaller buoys in line with new ICF rules. Ideally should have buoys on corners/bends in course to improve safety for paddlers and other waterway users (pink buoys). General rule is: paddlers to keep right of all buoys. Committee agreed that additional buoys should be used as required by course layout and as determined by event organisers.

**Action Joe Alia to purchased required buoys**

**Marathon Website** – Chris Alger now actively maintaining website. It includes bulletins re events, required forms, and on-line entry facility. Currently not doing on-line payment due to high paypal charges.

**Health Risks at Events** – Following concerns raised by a club official about Swine Flu, Alan Opie suggested that we need a clear procedure for future events. For the Wesley Race, Alan made enquiries with Parks Vic (who issued permits) and CV, and was advised that there were no official restrictions to the running of the event. Meeting agreed that future events should abide by any State Govt advice or directions (e.g. if people are feeling unwell or have flu-like symptoms, they should not attend public gatherings).

**Alternative Course Location for events at Wesley** – Alan Opie highlighted conditions in the agreement with Wesley College which means that they can give 48hrs notice to move an event from Wesley boatshed.

Committee agreed that the organising club needs to arrange an alternative venue. Event operating procedures to be changed accordingly.

**Moved: Alan Opie, seconded Joe Alia. Carried.**

**Improving the running of events** - Reminder to announce the paddler's club when presenting results and awards. Sub-junior races should be timed to be run and presentations completed before main races commence, otherwise subbies have a very long wait.

**Timing System Problems** - A new timing & data entry system was trialled at the Wesley race on 31 May, with a number of issues arising which caused a significant delay in getting results out and presentations started. Need to review before next race and do a practice or dry run if required.

**Action: Joe Alia**

**Portage:** - need to clarify and finalise criteria for deciding which Divs/Classes do portage. Policy: Divs 1, 2, 3 & 5 in racing boats will do a portage. This is all full distance and top level of three quarter and half distance events. A paddler may choose not to do portage but a time penalty will apply. Race Committee is to determine the time penalty before start of race (usually 2mins). Intent is that a boat which does not portage cannot win the race.

**Next meeting:** after Geelong Race

**Meeting Closed: 4:45pm**